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# WIS 15 Study New London to Greenville

## Field work for WIS 15 archaeology survey begins

You may have already seen field crews in the area of the WIS 15 project shown below.

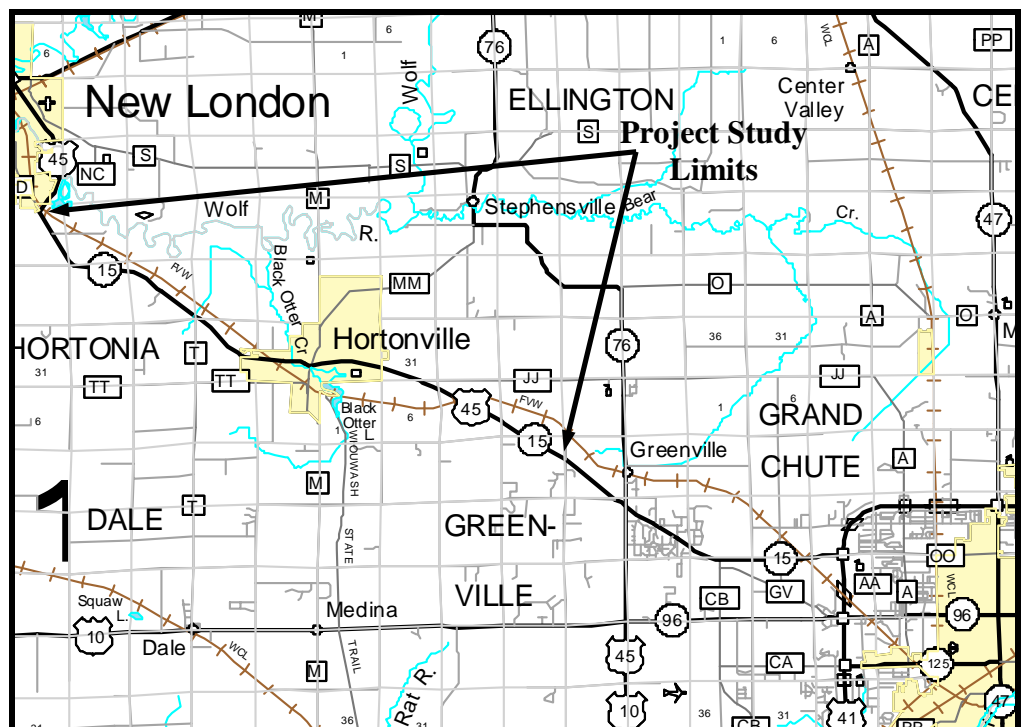
These crews are looking for evidence of archeological and historical significance within the WIS 15 project corridor.

In order to keep the WIS 15 environmental impact statement (EIS) progressing in a timely manner, crews have started researching the existing WIS 15

corridor.

This survey involves no more than a random non-destructive hand shovel probe of the terrain, searching for archaeological evidence.

When the survey is complete, we will have a better idea of areas to avoid or those requiring more research. At this time, the corridors to be studied have not all been finalized.



*The WIS 15 environmental study limits are from the US 45 bypass in New London to approximately Julius Road in Greenville.*

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## Project history and timeline

The following is a WIS 15 history and projected timeline.

- **February 2001**—Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH), consultants for WisDOT, complete the New London to Greenville corridor plan.
- **August 2002**—SEH completes a second corridor plan along the WIS 15 corridor, from Greenville to US 41.
- **Winter 2002/2003**—WIS 15 alternates developed with cooperation of the advisory committee and presented to cooperating agencies.
- **Spring 2003**—Newsletter published and public meeting conducted.
- **Summer/Fall 2003**—Corridors chosen for evaluation in the Environmental Impact Study (EIS). Information gathering begins to help evaluate the possible alternatives.
- **Fall 2003**—WIS 15 advisory committee meets. Newsletter update mailed out.
- **Winter/Spring 2003/2004**—WisDOT gathers and evaluates collected data for each alternative. WIS 15 advisory committee meets.
- **Spring/Summer 2004**—Newsletter published and public meeting held to present the impacts of the alternatives being studied.
- **Summer/Fall 2004**—Submittal of the draft EIS to the Federal Highway Administration for approval.
- **Fall 2004**—Public hearing held and open period allowed for comments on the draft EIS.
- **Fall 2004**—WIS 15 advisory committee meets to recommend a preferred alternative.
- **Fall 2004**—WisDOT selects preferred transportation alternative and presents choice to the public. Newsletter published.
- **Late Fall 2004**—The Transportation Projects Committee determines possible approval of WIS 15 expansion against other state highway projects.
- **2005**—Final EIS approved.
- **2011 or later**—Begin construction of WIS 15. Construction is contingent on approved funding.

## EIS study corridors update

The alternatives shown at the right in solid black were presented at the public informational meeting (PIM) held in Hortonville this May.

These viable alternatives are still being reviewed by state and federal agencies for future study. In addition, the dashed line alternatives shown on the right were developed from comments at the public meeting and from an independent group.

This group completed a study known as a Value Planning Study (VP), mandated by the Federal Highway Administration. The group includes state and national experts in the fields of highway engineering, traffic engineering and planning. Local individuals were also included to provide a more local perspective.

These nearby alternatives are also being reviewed by the approving agencies. WisDOT is currently working with these agencies and plans to have the chosen corridors for study determined this fall.

## Highway 15 advisory committee provides direction

How important is the Highway 15 advisory committee's role in the environmental study process? Committee members represent their communities and are responsible for providing direction in the decision making process. They are the eyes and ears of the local communities. The committee's involvement will contribute towards a supported transportation recommendation.

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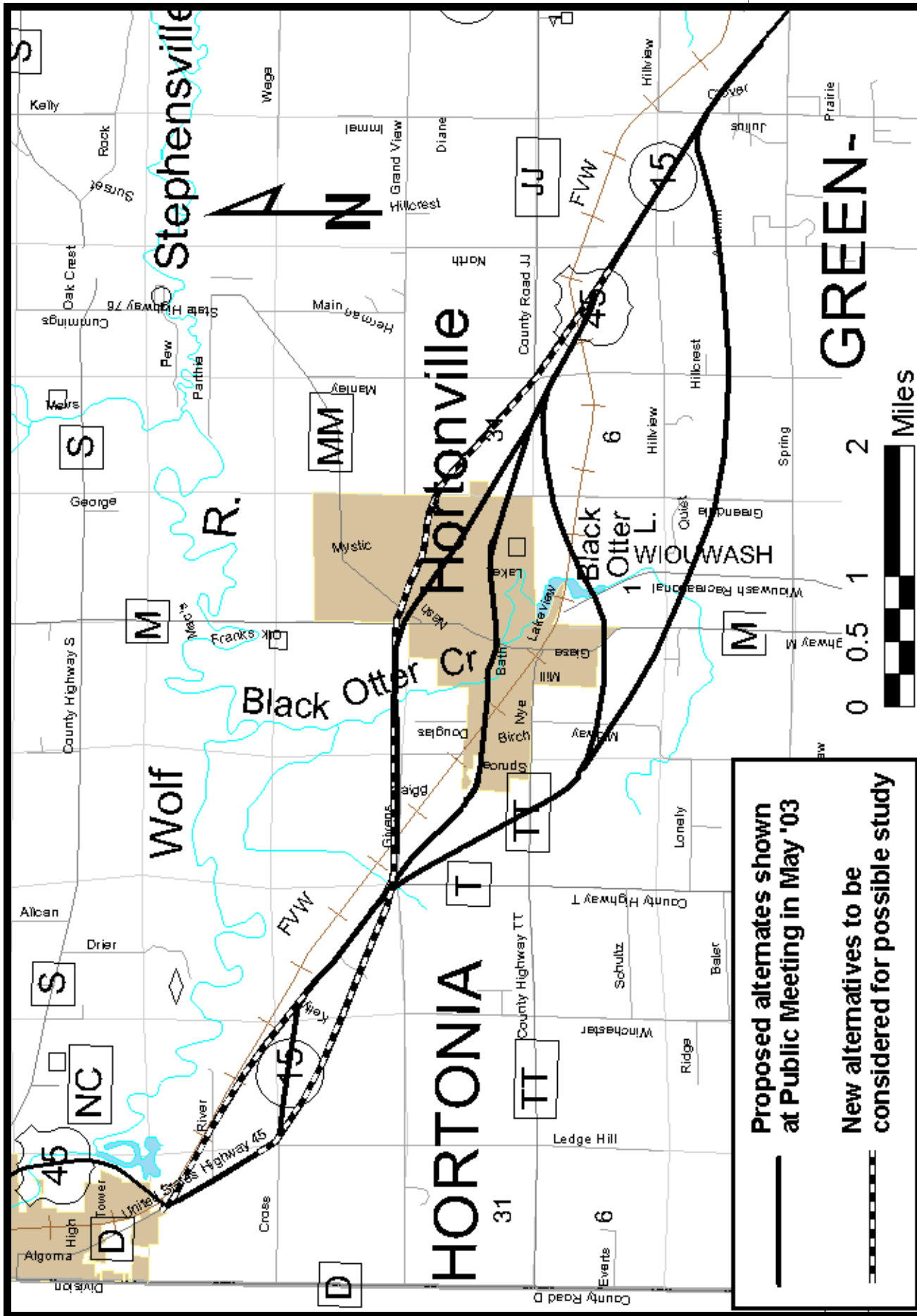
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WIS 15 bypass alternatives.

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## WisDOT WIS 15 Web site will soon be up and running

WisDOT would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to write letters or contact the WisDOT staff regarding this project.

A number of the contacts have come with questions, comments and suggestions. This kind of interest on the part of citizens is great and helpful.

We are in the process of completing a Web site for the WIS 15 project.

Look for the site at:

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/d3/wis15/index.htm>

Additionally, you can find a copy of this newsletter (and other transportation information) on the WisDOT Web site at:

[www.dot.wi.gov/projects/d3/index.htm](http://www.dot.wi.gov/projects/d3/index.htm).